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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LETTER TO KAUNDA

REF: (A) STATE 216314, (B) LUSAKA 2219, (C) LUSAKA 2227,  
(D) LUSAKA 2213, (E) LUSAKA 2235

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (B), KAUNDA LEFT FOR UP COUNTRY TOUR THIS MORNING. I DELIVERED LETTER TO CHONA WHO PROMISED TO SEE THAT IT GETS TO PRESIDENT. HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD HAVE A REPLY BEFORE SUNDAY.

2. CHONA GAVE HIS OWN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ALONG LINES HE AND PRESIDENT HAD MADE TO ROGERS/SCHAUFLE EARLIER. NAMIBIA PROPOSAL MEETS MOST PRESSING SWAPO CONCERNS. CHONA EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF RELEASE OF PRISONERS NOTING PHRASE IN SECRETARY'S LETTER "WHOM SWAPO WISHES." HE AGAIN MADE REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING UP THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE, ALTHOUGH HE AGREED THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT AT THE CONFERENCE AND WOULD NOT BE A PRECONDITION TO IT. ON RHODESIA, CHONA FELT THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THREE STEPS AND THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THEM WAS THE FIRST. ONCE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD OCCURRED, THE TANGIBLE

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EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS WHICH PRESIDENT KAUNDA REQUIRED (REFTEL

C) WOULD BE PRESENT AND CHONA FELT BOTH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE WOULD SUPPORT A MOVE AWAY FROM THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

3. CHONA TOOK NOTE OF THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES THAT NO NEW, UNANTICIPATED CONDITIONS WOULD BE RAISED, NOTING HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS.

4. CHONA SEEMS UNCONCERNED THAT NKOMO IS NOT PRESENT. THE MEETING IN MAPUTO (REFTEL D) WAS CALLED AT MACHEL'S INSTANCE. CHONA SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT A FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE HELD NEXT WEEK OF NATIONALIST LEADERS AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS MIGHT BE INVOLVED. COMMENT: THE MEETING NOW GOING ON IN MAPUTO IS CLEARLY SEPARATE FROM MEETING OF NATIONALIST LEADERS TO WHICH CHONA IS REFERRING. INFORMATION SUPPLIED REFTEL (E) TO THE EFFECT THAT NKOMO NOW IN NAIROBI AND PLANNING TO RETURN TO LUSAKA PRIOR TO ONWARD TRIP TO SALISBURY AT REQUEST OF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT MAY EXPLAIN ZAMBIAN'S RELAXED PSOTION OF NKOMO'S WHEREABOUTS BUT IT DOES NOT EXPLAIN PLANS FOR MEETING OF NATIONALIST LEADERS.  
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